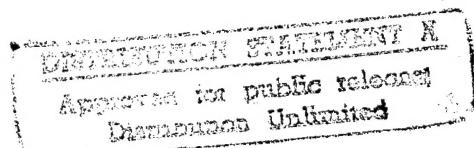


FIREBALL CALCULATIONS  
SHOT WRANGELL  
OPERATION HARDTACK, PHASE II  
PROJECT 15.1



Report No. B-2064  
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## FIREBALL CALCULATIONS - SHOT WRANGELL

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Shot Wrangell was a 1500-foot balloon shot sponsored by LRL and detonated on 22 October 1958 in Area B-Fa of the Nevada Test Site at 0850 PST.

The fireball yield was 67.3 tons  $\pm$  5.0 tons.

### 2.0 CAMERA INSTRUMENTATION AND OPERATION

Photographic coverage of fireball growth was provided by four high-speed Eastman cameras, two each at Station F-362 (6 x 6 No. 2) and Station F-369 (6 x 6 No. 3). In addition, two Rapatronic cameras were located at each of these stations to record early fireball growth.

Three Eastman cameras and three Rapatronics provided good records. The remaining Eastman and Rapatronic, because of malfunctions, did not provide records suitable for analysis.

The station locations, together with the burst location, are shown in Figure 1. Figure 2 contains the Survey Data.

### 3.0 RESULTS

Application of phi-comparison (EG&G Report No. B-1869) for Shot Wrangell indicates a yield of 67.3 tons  $\pm$  5.0 tons.

An air density of 1.057 grams per liter was used in the yield calculations, based on a pressure of 863 millibars, a temperature of 11.1°C, and a relative humidity of 13 percent at the height of the device at shot time.

The following table shows the Wrangell yield as obtained by a  
phi-comparison to various other low-yield devices:

Comparison Shot	Wrangell Yield Tons
<u>Air Drop</u>	
Wasp	66.74
Buster Baker	62.41
Wasp <sup>1</sup>	66.38
Ranger E	63.56
Ranger A	66.73
Osage	71.64
<u>Tower</u>	
Hornet	64.97
Chaves	72.97
Rio Arriba	73.19
Quay	64.44
Humboldt	64.58
<u>Balloon</u>	
Hidalgo	66.46
Lea	71.03

$$\bar{W} = 67.3 \text{ tons}$$

Diameter-time and phi-time plots are shown in Figures 3 and 4.

The following data sheets are included for each film:

- (a) Photo Plan and Photo Loading Chart
- (b) Camera Data and Calculation Sheet
- (c) Diameter Measurement Sheet
- (d) E-102 Print-Out Sheet of D, t, and  $\theta$

Appendix A contains photographic examples of early fireball growth.

The zero-frame times of the Eastman records were determined by comparison with the Rapatronic diameter-time data.



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## SURVEY DATA

FIG. 2

GZ STA. BFA

NAME ANALYSIS

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BEARING ANGLES REPRESENT TRUE AZIMUTH FROM GROUND ZERO.

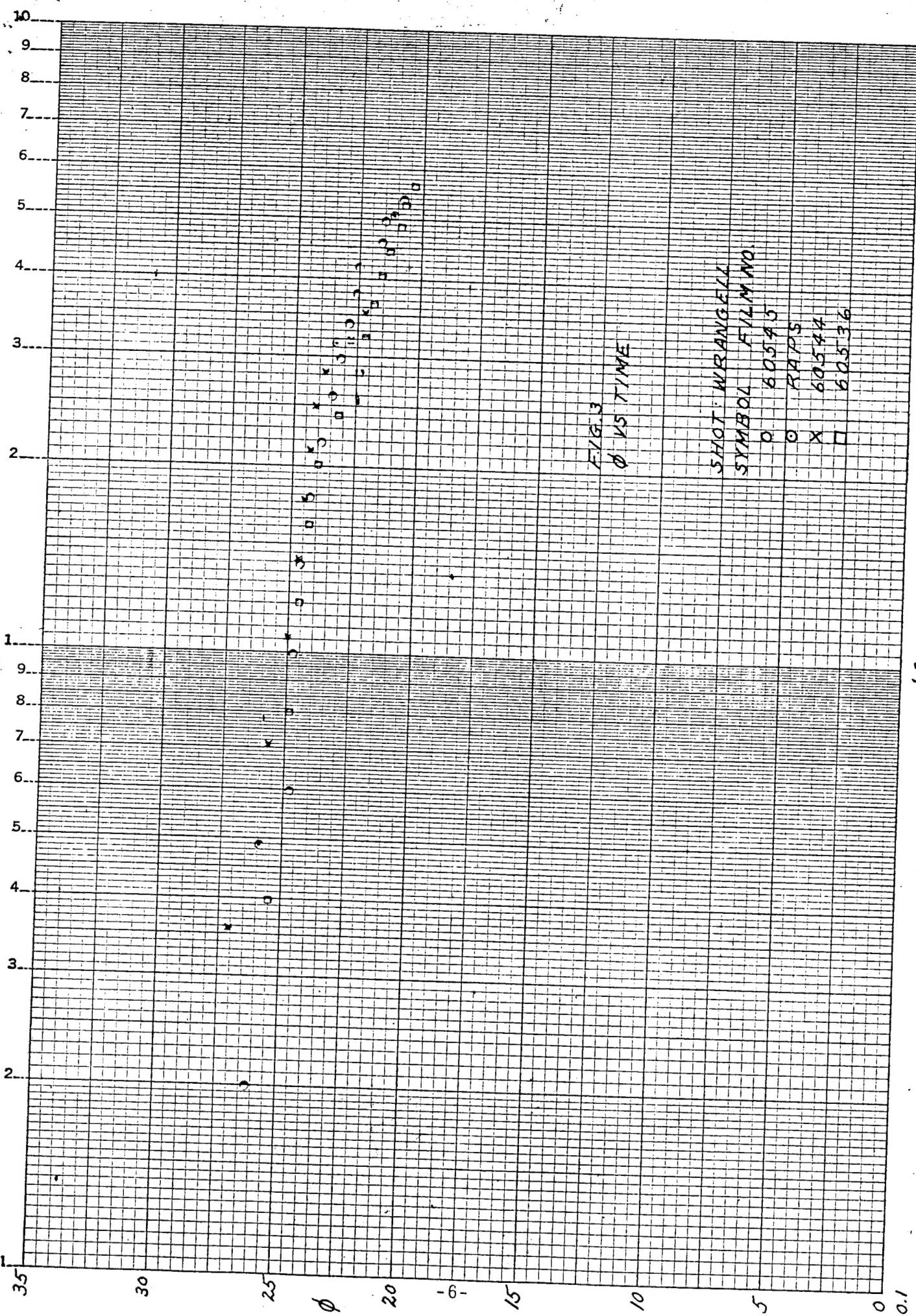
TILT ANGLES ARE MEASURED FROM THE PHOTOSTAT. TO SHOT CAB OR AIR ZERO.

FINAL  
INCLUDES 1500-FOOT HEIGHT 25 BAGGAGE

E08M E17 (1-55-500)

0.1

SHOT NUMBER: 5/14/10.  
 SYMBOL: 80545  
 RADS: 60.544  
 60.536

FIG. 3  
 $\phi$  VS TIME

4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
TIME (msec)

FIG. 4  
DIAMETER VS. TIME

SHOT WARANGELL  
SYMBOL FILM NO.  
○ 60545  
○ RAPS  
X 60544  
□ 60536

Table I

Hardtack Phase II, Wrangell

Average Diameter vs. Time

Time (msec)	Diameter (Meters)
0.5	19.5
1.0	25.0
1.5	29.0
2.0	32.0
2.5	34.0
3.0	36.0
3.5	37.5
4.0	38.5
4.5	39.0
5.0	40.0
5.5	40.5

Table II

## Hardtack Phase II - Wrangell

## Rapatronic Summary

Station	Film No.	Camera No.	Range (m)	F. L. (mm)	Diameter (m)	Time (ms)
F-362 (6 x 6 No. 2)	60540	R-34	3704.1	479.03	36.88	3.17
	60539	R-30	3704.1	479.30	19.41	0.49
F-369 (6 x 6 No. 3)	60548	R-4	2196.3	477.82	40.32	5.07
	60547	XR-7	2196.3	481.92	Malfunction	

STATION NO. F-362  
STATION TYPE 6 x 6 No. 1  
DISTANCE GZ 1/2, 058.8 ft  
DISTANCE OBJECT 1/2, 149.3 ft

## PHOTO PLAN

PHOTO PLAN		BRG	88°04'	EVENT WRANGELL
STATION	GZ	DIFF.	TILT	GZ STA. BFA
745844	746250	406	GZ -0°04'	DATE 10/22/58
703948	716000	12052	OBJ 7°01'	POSTED 11/5/58
3091	4577*	1486		

**REMARKS** \* INCLUDES 1500 FEET, HEIGHT OF BALLOON

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## PHOTO LOADING CHART

STATION F-362 (6x6 No. 1)

HUM E-40

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STATION TYPE 6X6 #2DISTANCE GZ 12 061.5 ft  
DISTANCE OBJECT 12152.0 ftSTATION N 745 E 255  
E 203 S 46  
Z 3 090

## PHOTO PLAN

EVENT W RON/BEEL  
 GZ STA. B - EZ  
 DATE 10-22-58  
 POSTED 1002

CAMERA	LENS				FIELD TARGET		AIMING		POWER		MARKER		PUR-POSE	REMARKS			
	NO.	NOM. SPD.	RACK POS.	FOC. MM	S/N	FILTER	OBJECT	H	V	VOLTS	SHUT RHEO.	TIME ON/OFF	TYPE	S/N	DELAY	FILM	
E-34 2500 C-1	153	RC 540	N.D-1	720	F.B	0	702	1°	1°	40	/80	-1.5	200	12	==	MF	15.1
E-7 2500 C-2	102	RC 128	W-12	560	N.D-1	1.0	72	0	0	120DC	40%	-1.5	200	12	==	MF	15.1
H-26 100 B-2	235	BE 8287	W-12	0.13	F.B	0	702	1°	1°	120DC	40%	-1.5	200	4	==	MF	15.1
H-30 100 B-1	480	7223953	N.D-1	267	F.B	0	702	1°	1°	120DC	70°	-5	200	12	==	TRI-X 15.1	
P-34 100 B-2	480	723948	==	267	F.B	0	702	1°	1°	24DC	70°	-5	200	12	==	TRI-X 15.1	
P-2 64 B-4	225	240150	==	314	F.B.	0	702	1°	1°	24DC	70°	-5	500	5	==	RP	15.1
GSP 64 B-4	2	240259	==	2000	DOC	0	0	1°	1°	24DC	70°	-5	500	5	==	RP	15.1
GSP 64 B-4	2	240259	==	314	F.B.	0	702	1°	1°	24DC	70°	-5	3000	5	==	CAN #40	
H-1 2000 C-3	254	808660	N.D-3	1168	DOC	0	702	1°	1°	24DC	13.3°	-5	3000	5	==	KDC	15.1
H-1 2000 C-3	254	808660	N.D-3	795	F.B.	0	702	1°	1°	24DC	13.3°	-5	3000	5	==	KDC	15.1
ACTUAL APPR. DELAYS																	
R-30																	
R-34																	

REMARKS Includes 1500 feet, height of 6211000  
 R-30 48.3 1.05 + 2.05  
 R-34 348.7 0.5 + 2.05  
 Includes 1500 feet, height of 6211000

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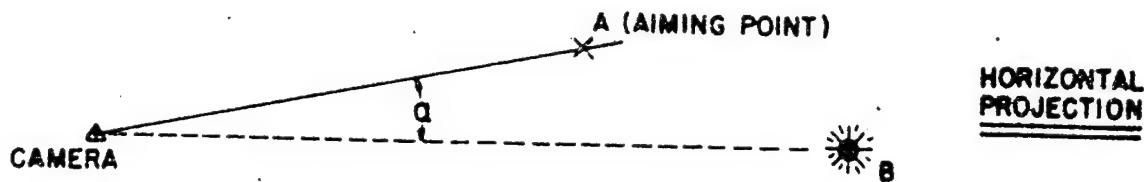






# CAMERA DATA & CALCULATIONS

FILM NO. 60539	STATION NO. F-362 6 x 6 No. 2	TEST WRANGELL	CALCULATED BY: JEC
CAMERA NO. R-30	EQ. AP.		DATE: 12/2/58



A.  $R^0/A = CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta + (H_B - H_C) \sin \beta$

$\alpha = 0^\circ 00'$	$\beta = 7^\circ 02'$	$H_B = 4577 \text{ ft}$
$\cos \alpha = 1.00000$	$\cos \beta = 0.99248$	$H_C = 3090 \text{ ft}$
$CB_h = 3676.2 \text{ m}$	$\sin \beta = 0.12245$	$\Delta H = 1487 \text{ ft} = 453.2 \text{ m}$
$CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta = 3648.6 \text{ m}$	$\Delta H \sin \beta = 55.5 \text{ m}$	$R^0/A = 3704.1 \text{ m}$

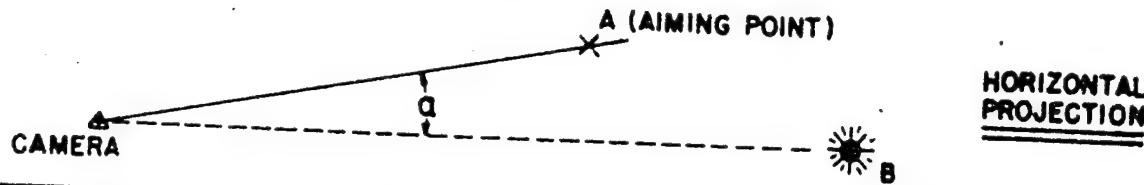
B. FOCAL LENGTH 479.30 mm

C. MAGNIFICATION FACTOR (meters/in.) 196.29

D. ZERO TIME CORRECTION 0.49 msec delay

# CAMERA DATA & CALCULATIONS

FILM NO. 60540	STATION NO. F-362 6x6 No. 2	TEST WRANGELL	CALCULATED BY: JEC
CAMERA NO. R-34	EQ. AP.		DATE: 12/2/58



A.  $R^0/A = CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta + (H_B - H_C) \sin \beta$

$\alpha = 0^\circ 00'$	$\beta = 7^\circ 02'$	$H_B = 4577 \text{ ft}$
$\cos \alpha = 1.00000$	$\cos \beta = 0.99248$	$H_C = 3090 \text{ ft}$
$CB_h = 3676.2 \text{ m}$	$\sin \beta = 0.12245$	$\Delta H = 1487 \text{ ft} = 453.2 \text{ m}$
$CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta = 3648.6 \text{ m}$	$\Delta H \sin \beta = 55.5 \text{ m}$	$R^0/A = 3704.1 \text{ m}$

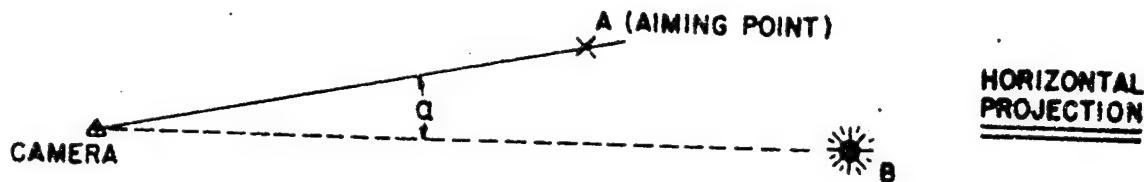
B. FOCAL LENGTH 479.03 mm

C. MAGNIFICATION FACTOR (meters/in.) 196.41

D. ZERO TIME CORRECTION 3.17 msec delay

# CAMERA DATA & CALCULATIONS

FILM NO. 60548	STATION NO. F-369 6x6 #3	TEST WRANGELL	CALCULATED BY: JEC
CAMERA NO. R-4	EQ. AP.		DATE: 12/2/58



A.  $R^0/A = CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta + (H_B - H_C) \sin \beta$

$\alpha = 0^\circ 00'$	$\beta = 12^\circ 00'$	$H_B = 4577 \text{ ft}$
$\cos \alpha = 1.00000$	$\cos \beta = 0.97815$	$H_C = 3078 \text{ ft}$
$CB_h = 2148.2 \text{ m}$	$\sin \beta = 0.20791$	$\Delta H = 1499 \text{ ft} = 456.9 \text{ m}$
$CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta = 2101.3 \text{ m}$	$\Delta H \sin \beta = 95.0 \text{ m}$	$R^0/A = 2196.3 \text{ m}$

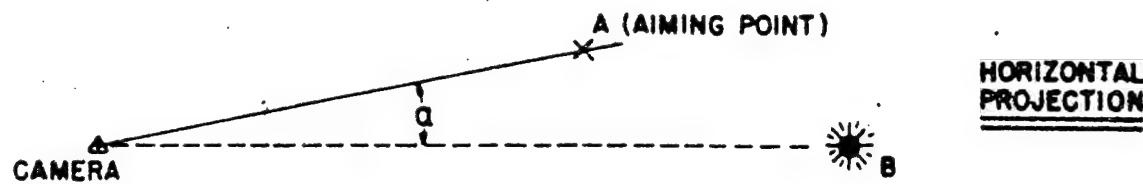
B. FOCAL LENGTH 477.82 mm

C. MAGNIFICATION FACTOR (meters/in.) 116.75

D. ZERO TIME CORRECTION 5.07 msec delay

# CAMERA DATA & CALCULATIONS

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CAMERA NO. E-6	EQ. AP.		DATE: 12/2/58



A.  $R^0/A = CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta + (H_B - H_C) \sin \beta$

$\alpha = 0^\circ 00'$	$\beta = 12^\circ 00'$	$H_B = 4577 \text{ ft}$
$\cos \alpha = 1.00000$	$\cos \beta = 0.97815$	$H_C = 3078 \text{ ft}$
$CB_h = 2148.2 \text{ m}$	$\sin \beta = 0.20791$	$\Delta H = 1499 \text{ ft} = 456.9 \text{ m}$
$CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta = 2101.3 \text{ m}$	$\Delta H \sin \beta = 95.0 \text{ m}$	$R^0/A = 2196.3 \text{ m}$

B. FOCAL LENGTH 63.91 mm (ET1254)

C. MAGNIFICATION FACTOR (meters/in.) 872.9

D. ZERO TIME CORRECTION 0.20 msec  $\frac{1}{2}$  frame



FIREBALL CALCULATIONS

SHOT WRANGELL

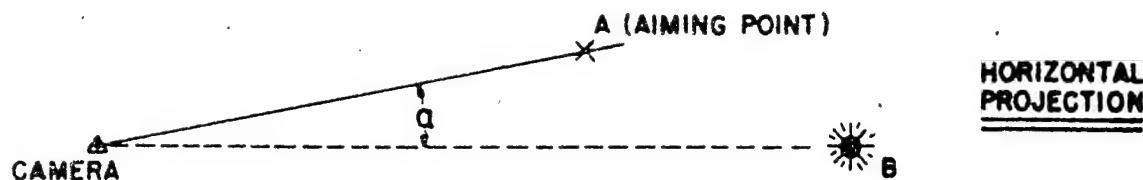
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2017	.60	3.00418	51020	.815167	24743
2468	1.00	3.20592	07	1000031	24679
2784	1.39	3.32642	32933	1140806	24403
3040	1.79	3.41442	58226	1262262	24083
3235	2.19	3.47693	78385	1368260	23650
3416	2.59	3.53109	95158	1463210	23345
3567	2.98	3.57436	109189	1547680	23047
3702	3.38	3.61152	121790	1627692	22743
3808	3.78	3.63976	132979	1702194	22371
3943	4.18	3.67460	143038	1772080	22250
3943	4.57	3.67460	151956	1836433	21470
4048	4.97	3.70089	160343	1899084	21315
4064	5.37	3.70483	168079	1958774	20747

# CAMERA DATA & CALCULATIONS

FILM NO. 60544	STATION NO. <sup>F-369</sup> <sub>6x6 No. 3</sub>	TEST WRANGELL	CALCULATED BY: JEC
CAMERA NO. E-25	EQ. AP.		DATE: 12/2/58



A.  $R^0/A = CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta + (H_B - H_C) \sin \beta$

$\alpha = 0^\circ 00'$	$\beta = 12^\circ 00'$	$H_B = 4577 \text{ ft}$
$\cos \alpha = 1.00000$	$\cos \beta = 0.97815$	$H_C = 3078 \text{ ft}$
$CB_h = 2148.2 \text{ m}$	$\sin \beta = 0.20791$	$\Delta H = 1499 \text{ ft} = 456.9 \text{ m}$
$CB_h \cos \alpha \cos \beta = 2101.3 \text{ m}$	$\Delta H \sin \beta = 95.0 \text{ m}$	$R^0/A = 2196.3 \text{ m}$

B. FOCAL LENGTH 101.8 mm (RA 549)

C. MAGNIFICATION FACTOR (meters/in.) 547.9

D. ZERO TIME CORRECTION 0.01 msec 0.01 frame

### DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS

SHOT WRANGELL

FILM NO. 60544

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## FIREBALL CALCULATIONS

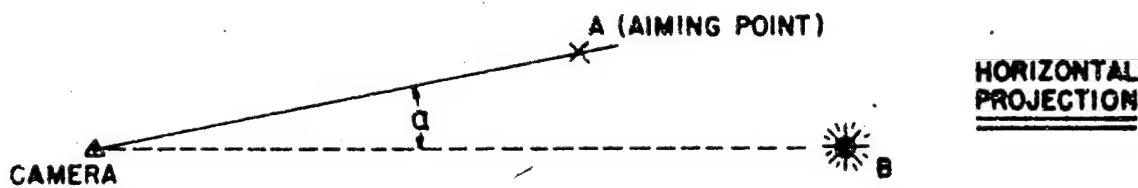
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10.36	.01	2.33795	4.60509 -	1.59064	65130
17.87	.36	2.88317	1.02159 -	6.64553	26890
22.30	.71	3.10453	3.4253 -	8.71956	25574
25.49	1.06	3.23821	5.822	10.23565	24903
28.17	1.42	3.33820	7.5070	11.50597	24482
30.50	1.77	3.41771	5.7103	12.56604	24271
32.60	2.12	3.48433	7.5137	13.50603	24137
34.42	2.48	3.53868	9.0818	14.38027	23935
35.73	2.83	3.57605	1.04022	15.16022	23568
36.02	3.18	3.58413	1.15688	15.88441	22676
36.70	3.54	3.60294	1.28417	16.58098	22133

# CAMERA DATA & CALCULATIONS

FILM NO. 60536	STATION NO. <sup>F-362</sup> <sub>6x6</sub> NO. 2	TEST WRANGELL	CALCULATED BY: JEC
CAMERA NO. E-34	EQ. AP.		DATE: 12/2/58



A.  $R^0/A = CB_h \cos a \cos \beta + (H_B - H_C) \sin \beta$

$a = 0^\circ 00'$	$\beta = 7^\circ 02'$	$H_B = 4577 \text{ ft}$
$\cos a = 1.00000$	$\cos \beta = 0.99248$	$H_C = 3090 \text{ ft}$
$CB_h = 3676.2 \text{ m}$	$\sin \beta = 0.12245$	$\Delta H = 1487 \text{ ft} = 453.24 \text{ m}$
$CB_h \cos a \cos \beta = 3648.6 \text{ m}$	$\Delta H \sin \beta = 55.5 \text{ m}$	$R^0/A = 3704.1 \text{ m}$

B. FOCAL LENGTH 152.8 mm (RC 540)

C. MAGNIFICATION FACTOR (meters/in.) 615.7

D. ZERO TIME CORRECTION 0.40 msec (0.99 fr)



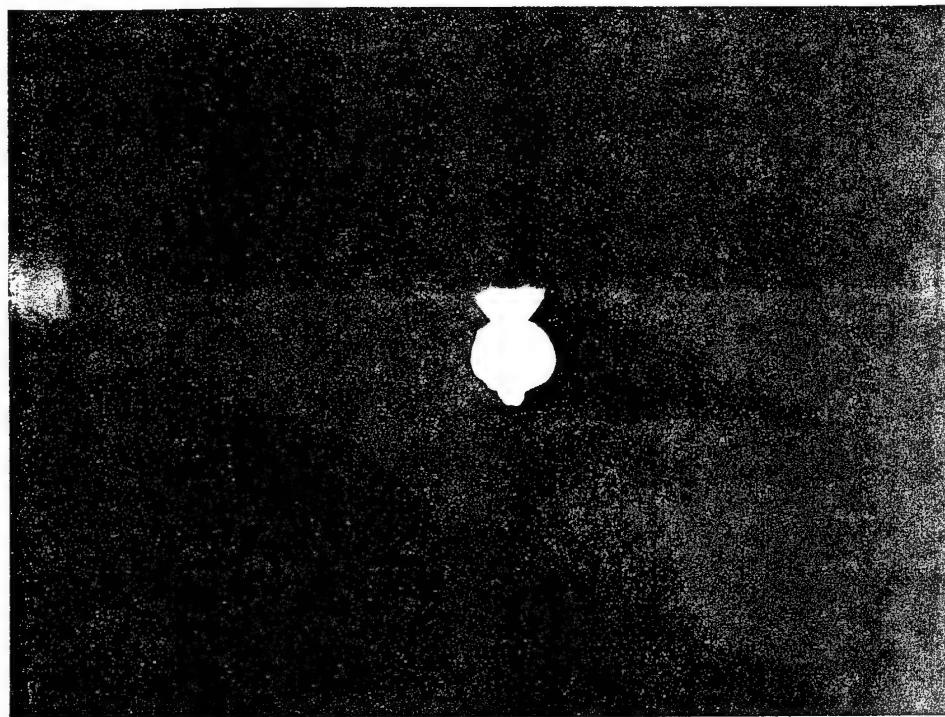
## FIREBALL CALCULATIONS

SHOT WRANGELL FILM NO. 60536

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17.79	.40	2.86739	.01621	.693164	253.76
22.70	.80	3.12230	.22311	914622	248.18
26.28	1.21	3.26874	.19056	1079205	243.51
29.10	1.61	3.37070	.47631	1209884	240.51
31.53	2.02	3.45094	.70308	1324763	238.00
32.87	2.42	3.49258	.88369	1424009	230.82
33.77	2.82	3.51960	1.03668	1513876	223.06
35.11	3.23	3.55853	1.17249	1598390	219.65
36.39	3.63	3.59436	1.28929	1674839	217.27
37.41	4.04	3.62201	1.39632	1748098	214.00
38.31	4.44	3.64578	1.49071	1815364	211.03
38.98	4.85	3.66056	1.57900	1880618	206.74
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40.35	5.65	3.69767	1.73160	1998986	201.85

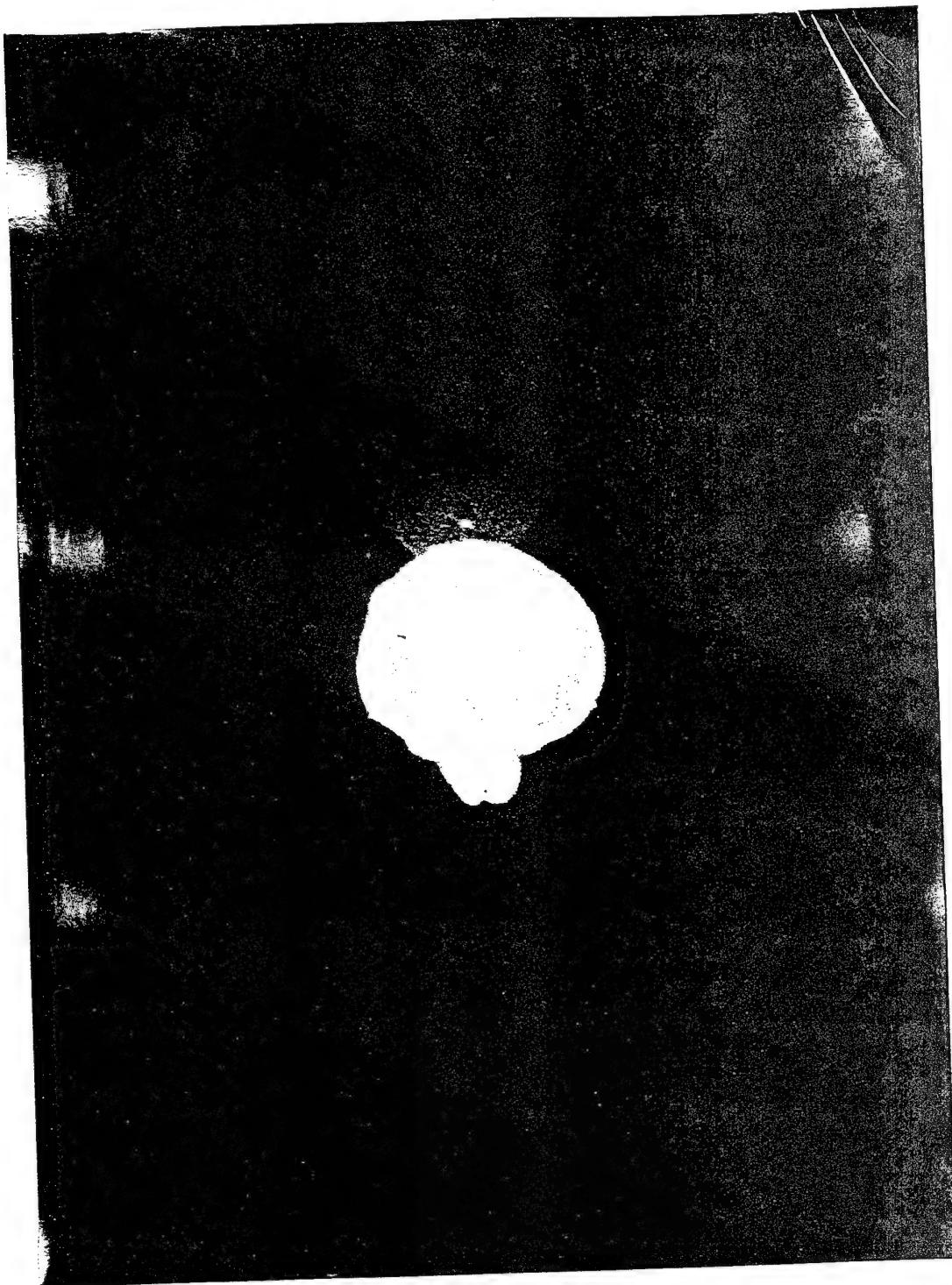
APPENDIX A  
HARDTACK PHASE II, WRANGELL  
PHOTOGRAPHIC EXAMPLES



Camera: E-34

Station: F-362 (6 x 6 No. 2)

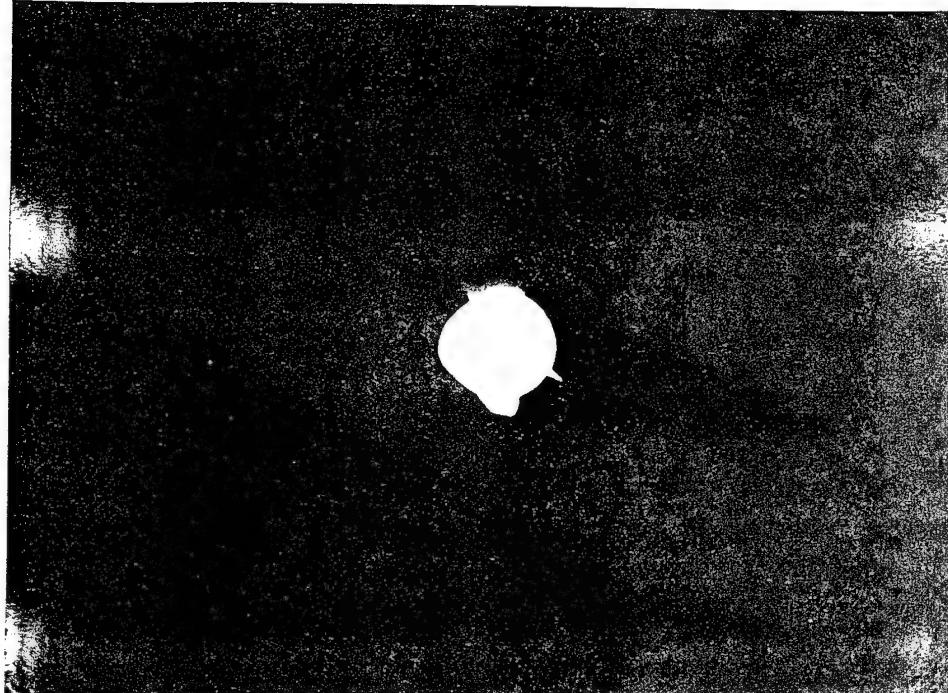
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Camera: R-30

Station: F-362 (6 x 6 No. 2)

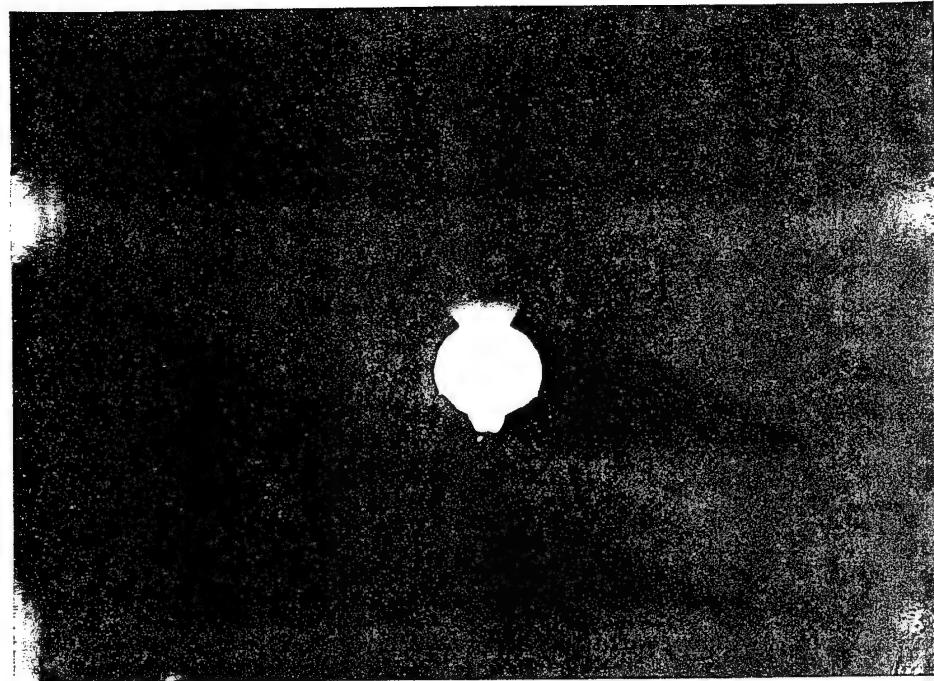
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Camera: E-25

Station: F-369 (6 x 6 No. 3)

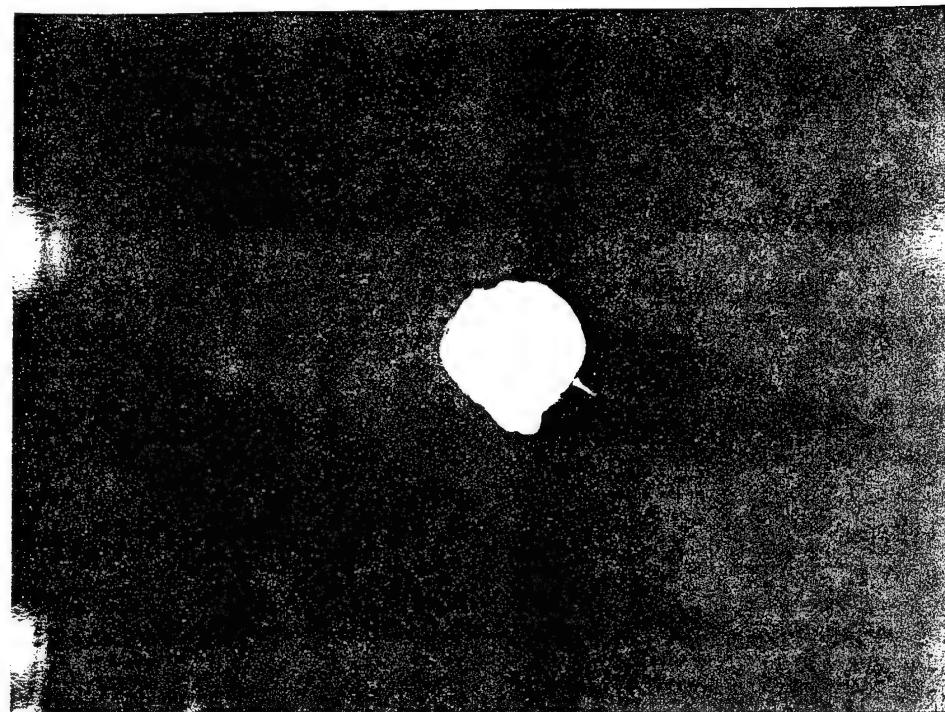
Time: 0.71 msec



Camera: E-34

Station: F-362 (6 x 6 No. 2)

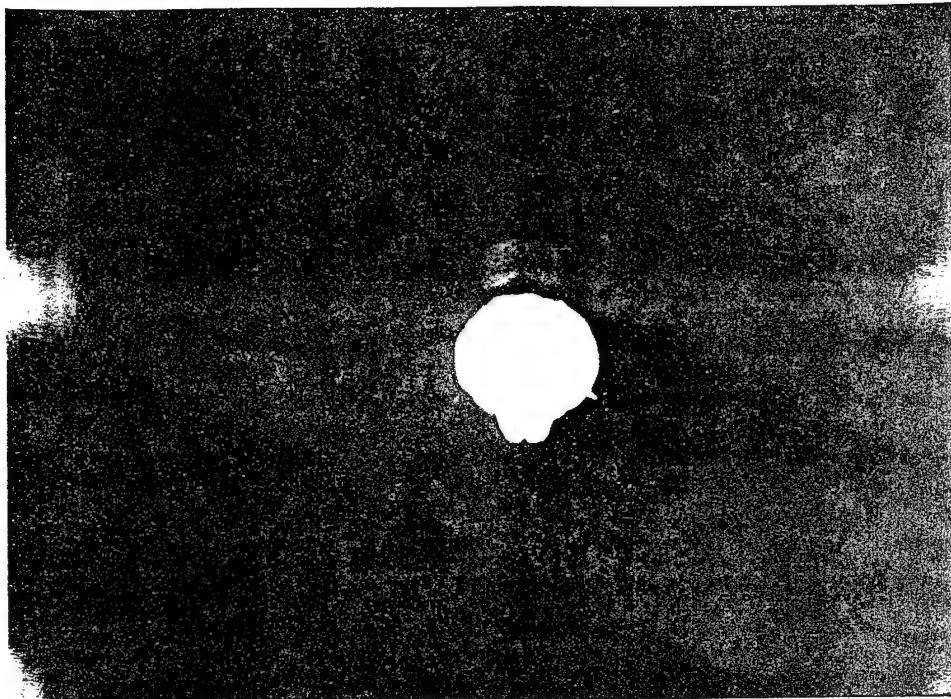
Time: 0.80 msec



Camera: E-25

Station: F-369 (6 x 6 No. 3)

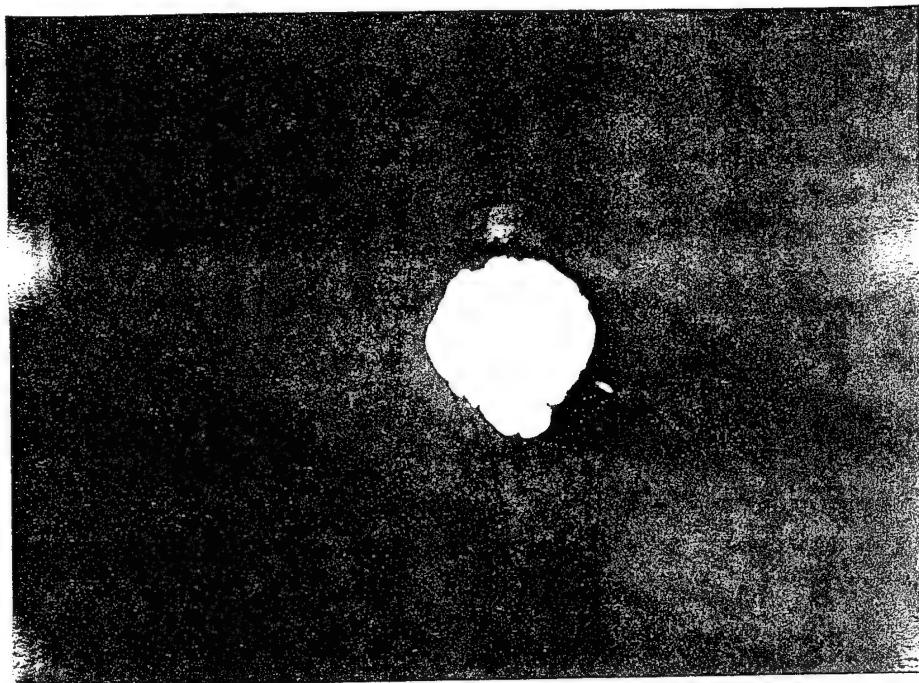
Time: 1.42 msec



Camera: E-34

Station: F-362 (6 x 6 No. 2)

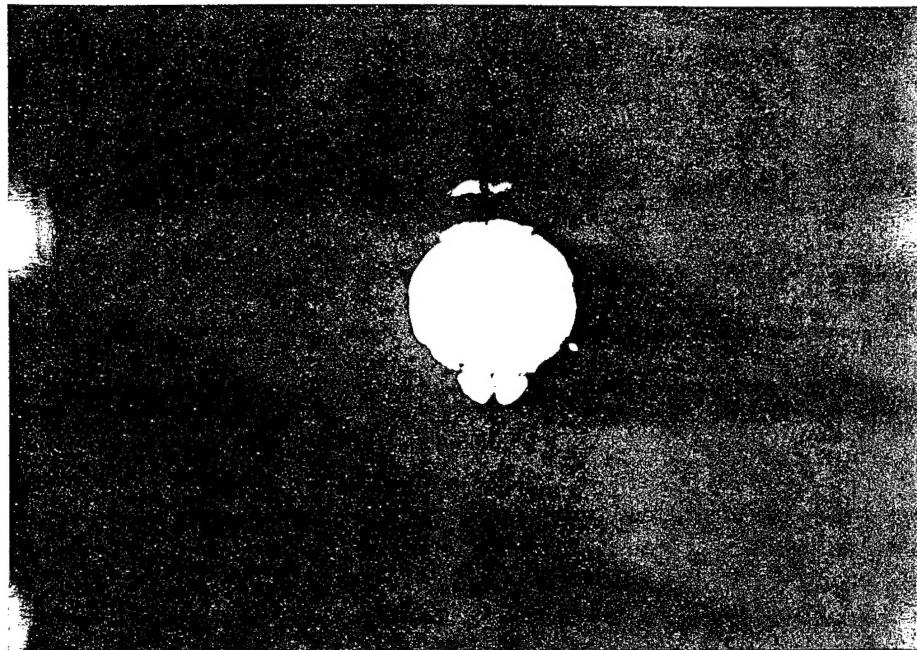
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Camera: E-25

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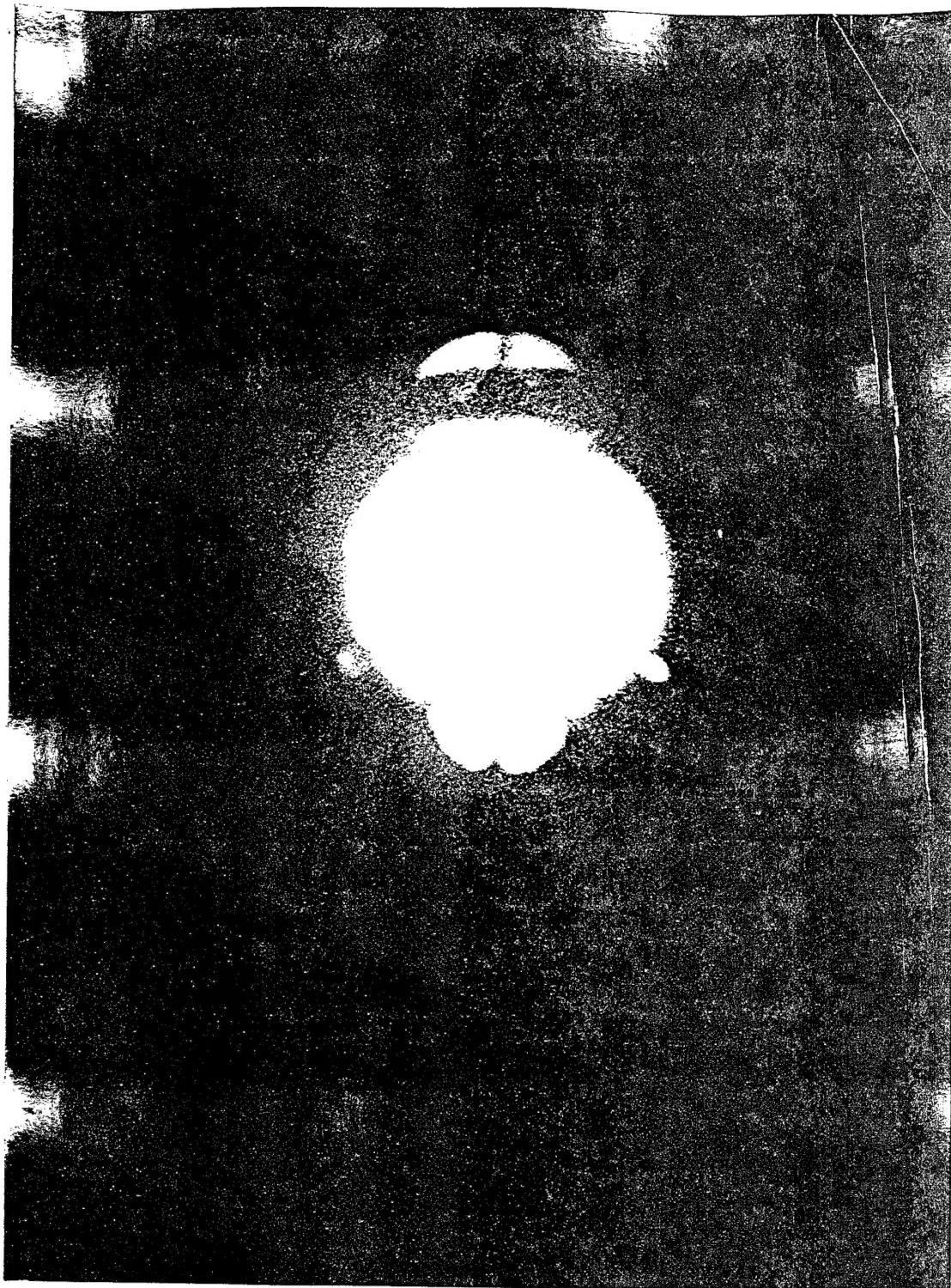
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Camera: E-34

Station: F-362 (6 x 6 No. 2)

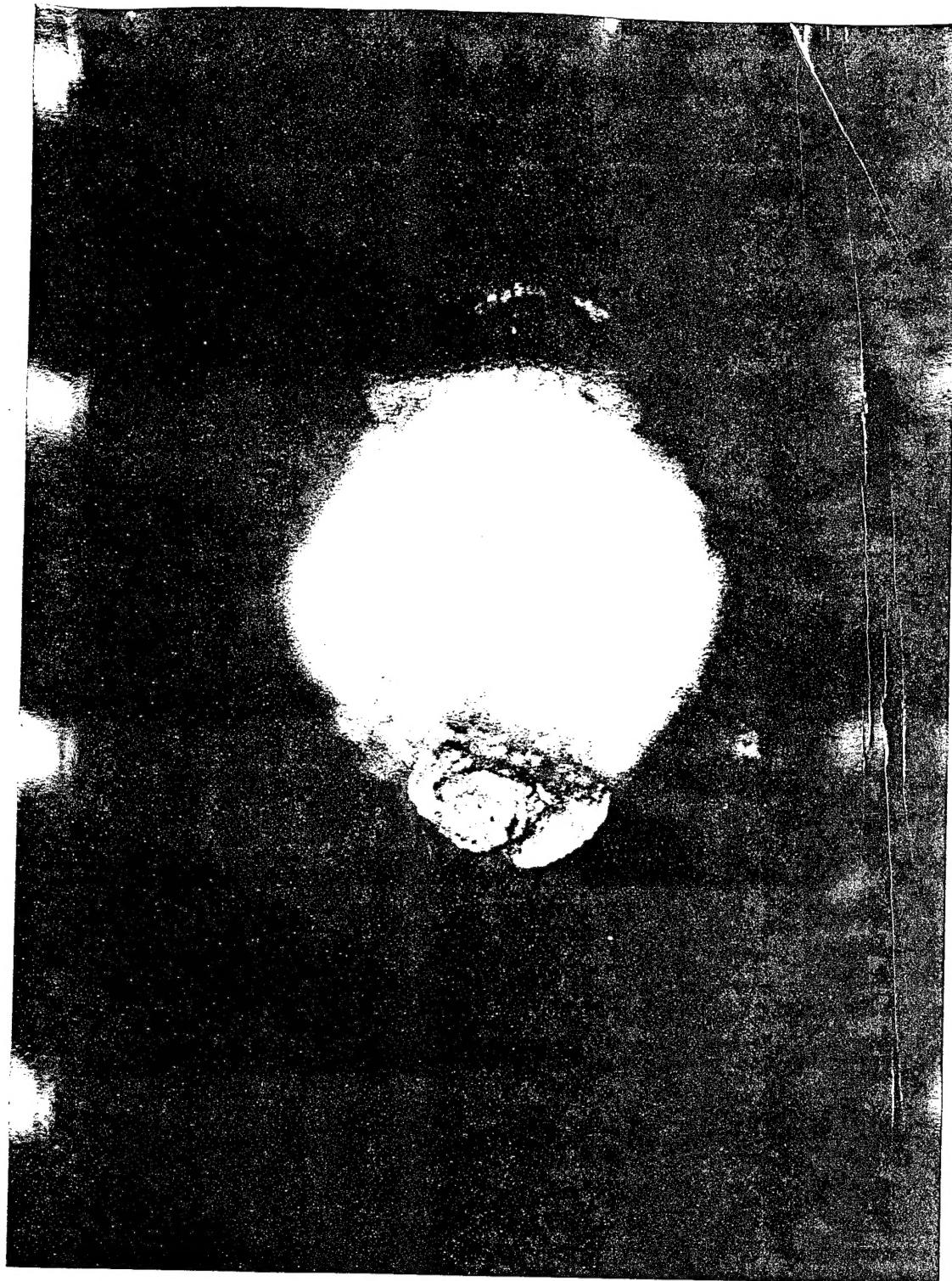
Time: 3.63 msec



Camera: R-34

Station: F-362 (6 x 6 No. 2)

Time: 3.17 msec



Camera: R-4

Station: F-369 (6 x 6 No. 3)

Time: 5.07 msec

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